

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 9 and 11 are currently pending. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 9 were rejected under Section 102 (b) as allegedly anticipated by abstract 1957:77176. Claims 2 – 7 and 11 – 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim. However, it is Applicant's understanding the subject matter of these claims has been deemed to patentably define over the prior art.

The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed and favorable reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

As an initial matter, it is noted that, based upon the Applicants' most recent amendment of October 30, 2007, the pending claims are 1 – 9 and 11. The current Office Action incorrectly indicates that only claims 1 – 7, 9, 11, and 12 are pending. Appropriate correction is respectfully requested.

Turning to the prior art rejections, the Examiner cites to the abstract 1957:77176. In response to these rejections, Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the R<sub>1</sub> group is a hydroxyl group or lower C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy group. In view of this amendment, it is submitted that independent Claim 1, as well as each of its dependent claims, patentably distinguishes over the cited art.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants urge the Examiner to reconsider the application, to withdraw all rejections, and to issue a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible convenience.

In the event this response is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to our Deposit Account No. 12-2355.

Respectfully submitted,

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